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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: D.A. Patel
HIDENORI YOKOKURA	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2151
Appln. No.: 09/892,875	)	
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Filed: June 28, 2001	)	
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For: NETWORK DEVICE AND	)	
NETWORK SYSTEM	:	June 27, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

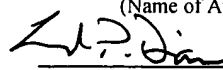
Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The specification changes begin on page 2, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 5, comments regarding amendments to the figures begin on page 16, and the Remarks begin on page 17.

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